

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : KITAMURA  
Serial No. : 10/528,199  
Confirm. No. : 7023  
Filed : March 15, 2005  
For : HINGE DEVICE  
Art Unit : 4112  
Examiner : Jeffrey D. O'Brien  
Dated : October 29, 2008

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.136 (a)**

Sir:

The Office Action dated July 3, 2008 provided for a shortened statutory period for response of three months.

The shortened statutory period expired October 3, 2008.

Since the attached response is being filed within the first month pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to charge the appropriate petition fee of \$130.00 (fee code 1251).

Respectfully submitted  
for Applicant(s),



By: \_\_\_\_\_  
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DATED:       October 29, 2008  
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SHOULD ANY OTHER FEE BE REQUIRED, THE PATENT AND  
TRADEMARK OFFICE IS HEREBY REQUESTED TO CHARGE SUCH FEE TO  
OUR DEPOSIT ACCOUNT 13-0410.